MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commisioner of Police*): I have no idea.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the number of casualities on account of this?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I claim notice.

Motor fares of Service Buses.

211. *MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will Government be pleased to state with reference to the rates of fare fixed by the owners of service buses plying for hire in the Trivandrum—Quilon line and the Trivandrum—Nagercoil line:

(*a*) whether the passenger's fare fixed for the Trivandrum-Quilon line, which is about 44 miles long is 7 annas per head, while for the Trivandrum-Nagercoil line which is about 42 miles long it is 12 annas; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government have enquired into the gross injustice to the public consequent on such difference in fare?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No; there is no provision in the Motor Vehicles Regulation or the rules thereunder in pursance of which passenger fares can be fixed.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether the Commissioner of Police or Government have considered the great inconvenience caused by the inequality in the fares for buses plying for hire in the Trivandrum—Quilon line and Trivandrum—Nagercoil line?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): In the Trivandrum-Quilon road there is the road-rail competition. That is the reason why passenger fare is very much reduced in that road. There is no such competition between Trivandrum and Nagercoil.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Would it not be possible to remove this inequality in the matter of fares when the Government takes up the motor traffic?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Well, it may be possible.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know with regard to the traffic between Trivandrum and Nagercoil whether any monopoly is given to two Companies?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): There must be; else the buses will not run.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether bus traffic is heavier on the M. S. road or on the Trivandrum-Quilon road?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I have no idea at present for his immediate reply.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): With regard to the Trivandrum—Nagercoil line, has not competition been made impossible on account of the timings granted for the various buses?

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MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I could not hear or understand the question. I would therefore request the member to repeat it a bit louder.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): This is the first time I hear that complaint being raised against me.

PRESIDENT: Accidents occur. (*Laughter.*)

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): I wish to know whether competition has not been made impossible on account of the timings granted for the various buses.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Which is the route that the honourable member is referring to?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): I could not hear the honourable member. (*Laughter.*)

PRESIDENT: The honourable member will raise his voice.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I want to know which line the honourable member is referring to.

MR A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): The Trivandrum—Nagercoil line.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): There is no competition at all in that line.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): How many owners are now running buses in that line?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): About 35 owners.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether, in a large number of cases, applications, for G. permits to run buses in this line, were refused?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Why?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): There was no necessity for additional service.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Who is to decide that?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): The Officer in charge of traffic administration.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Were there not complaints against such Officer?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): The complaints were suitably answered.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLI (*Tovala*): What I want to know is whether there were complaints.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): There were.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the number of such complaints received last year and the year before last?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I claim notice as to that number.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether particular days are set apart for the buses owned by one company?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): To avaid unnecessary rivalry, in the interests of the convenience of the passengers, that arrangement has been made.

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